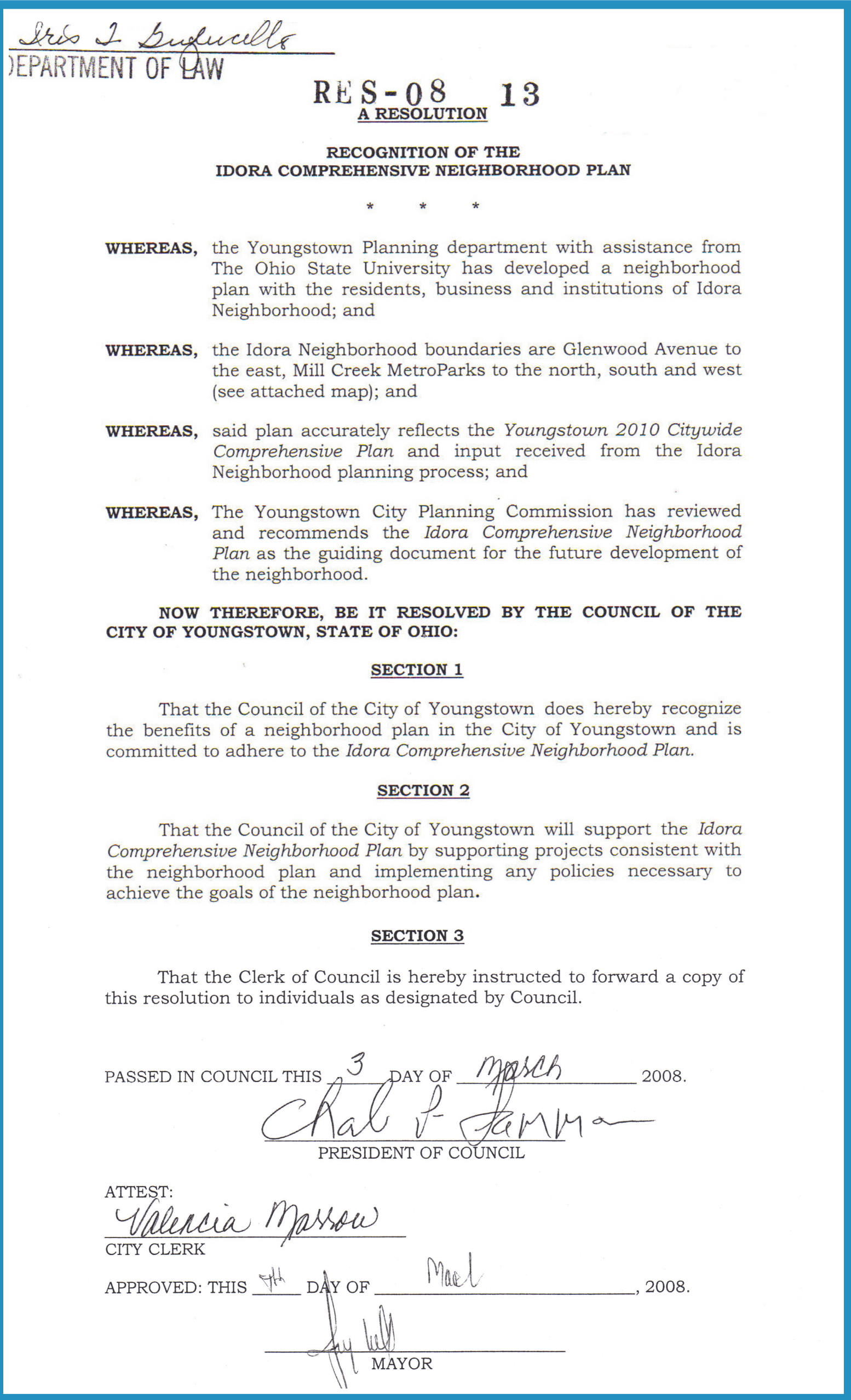


# Where the Plan is Now



## Adoption



A special thanks to all of the Idora Neighborhood residents that participated in the Neighborhood Meetings. The development of this plan would not have been possible without them.

## Major Accomplishments on the Horizon

**Closing Old Furnace Road**  
his implements a portion of the plans Bold Vision for the Future by beginning the long process of right sizing the neighborhood’s infrastructure and market



**Significant Resource Investment**  
A significant portion of the City of Youngstown’s Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding will be used to solidify the neighborhood’s future. Resources of the newly created Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation will strategically focused on the neighborhood.



**Development of New City Policies**  
The work of the Idora Neighborhood Association and the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative to infuse prioritization and strategic thinking into the city’s demolition and vacant properties policies will allow for an ongoing targeting of resources.

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## Implementation

### Idora Plan Implementation Major Results Since March 2008 Adoption

- Creation of the Idora Neighborhood Association** – A group of neighborhood residents created through ongoing neighborhood organizing. The group operates on the premise that change happens from the bottom up. The Idora Neighborhood Association currently has 248 members from the neighborhood. Over 20 percent of the neighborhood. <http://idoraneighborhoodassociation.weebly.com/>
- Significant Rehabilitation and Demolition Efforts** – Significant public and private resources have been invested in preserving the neighborhood’s housing stock. To date over 20 homes have been rehabilitated.
- Designation as a target neighborhood within the City of Youngstown** – As a target neighborhood significant resources have been committed to restoring the neighborhood’s future. A significant portion of the federal government’s Neighborhood Stabilization Program allocation will be utilized in the Idora neighborhood.
- Hiring of a full time Community Organizer** – One of the first major victories of the Idora Comprehensive Plan was the awarding of a \$70,000 grant to hire a full time community organizer to build capacity within the neighborhood. The organizer’s work has led to the successful continued development of the Idora Neighborhood Association.
- Neighborhood Marketing** – The neighborhood now has an increased profile within the city and region. The neighborhood has received publicity in local and national publications. The neighborhood also has established a profile and marketing webpage.
- Corner Store Campaign** – The Idora Neighborhood Association has launched a campaign to clean up the corner stores along Glenwood Avenue. The overarching goal of the campaign is to remove blighting influences that only offer tools of destruction and bring healthy activities to the Glenwood Avenue commercial corridor. The next step in the campaign is to attract a neighborhood grocery store to the corridor.
- Creation of the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation** – Unlike its sister cities of Pittsburgh and Cleveland, the City of Youngstown lacks a significant community development and organizing history. The capacity of existing CDCs is limited, so the Idora Neighborhood Association is playing a role in cooperation with leaders throughout the city to develop the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC). The YNDC will be able to take implementation of the Idora Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan to another level.
- Neighborhood Data Collected by Residents** – Residents have recently completed the second annual vacant properties survey. Neighborhood Infrastructure has also been comprehensively surveyed by residents.